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FINANCIAL BUSINESS

Presentation of Budget for 1964-65.

Mr. Speaker : Order, order. Question hour is over.

We pass on to the presentation of the Budget for the
9 a. m.] financial year 1964-65. I call upon the Chief Minister to present the Budget.

Chief Minister (**Shri R. Sankar**): Sir, I rise to present the budget estimates for 1964–65.

2. The year 1963 was a momentous year in several respects. It witnessed the nation preparing itself to take up the challenge posed by the threat of invasion on our northern borders. In the face of this danger, our people forgetting all differences stood shoulder to shoulder and the world saw the resurgence of a united and determined nation. If the test of true nationhood is how it stands up to a crisis, it is a mater of gratification that India has stood the test well.

3. While inaugurating the opening session of this Assembly, the Governor dealt at lengh with the measures taken by the State Government to meet the requirements of the National Emergency. We have contributed Rs. 185 lakhs to the National Defence Fund and deputed a battalion of the Malabar Special Police and a battalion of the Special Armed Police for service in Nagaland. The Home Guards Organisation has been built up as a second line of internal defence and security. Training of technical personnel at different levels from mechanics and para-medical personnel to engineers and doctors has been taken up on an emergency basis. Liberal concessions to serving army personnel and their families have been sanctioned in recognition of their services to the nation. As the defences of the country have to be built up on economic strength, the Plan was reoriented to the tasks of increasing agricultural production and expanding industrial activities. The tempo of developmental efforts achieved this year will have to be kept up in the coming years' as an integral part of building up the nation's strength.

Economic trends in 1963

4. The State's agriculture fared well during 1962-63 when compared with the all-India picture.

5. The index number of agricultural production (base 1956-57= 100) rose from 108·4 in 1961-62 to 111·0 in 1962-63, recording an increase of 2·4 per cent over the year. Almost all the important crops registered sizable increase in production during 1962-63. Production of rice increased from 9·88 lakh tons in 1961-62 to 10·76 lakh tons in 1962-63. In the current year though the first crop was quite ordinary, the second crop just now gathered has been generally very good. Coconut which claims the biggest share in the State's agricultural income registered an increase of 58 million nuts compared to the previous year. Other crops like banana, arecanuts, cashew nuts and sugarcane also recorded

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